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2005:1026967 Document No. 143:332468 Growth factor receptor fragments for use in antitumor therapy. Alitalo, Kari; Jeltsch, Markku M. (Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, USA; Licentia, Ltd.). PCT Int. Appl. WO 2005087808 A2 20050922, 338 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: W: AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NA, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW; RW: AT, BE, BF, BJ, CF, CG, CH, CI, CM, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GA, GB, GR, IE, IS, IT, LU, MC, ML, MR, NE, NL, PT, SE, SN, TD, TG, TR. (English). CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 2005-US7741 20050307. PRIORITY: US 2004-550907P 20040305.

AB The present invention provides materials and methods for antagonizing the function of vascular endothelial growth factor receptors, platelet derived growth factor receptors and other receptors. Soluble binding constructs able to bind vascular endothelial growth factors, platelet derived growth factors, and other ligands are provided. These constructs may be used in treatment of cancers of endothelium and smooth muscle tissues, e.g., carcinomas, squamous cell carcinomas, lymphomas, melanomas, and sarcomas. Thus, chimeric proteins comprising the ligand-binding extracellular domain, or fragments thereof, of VEGFR-2 and VEGFR-3 fused to the Fc domain of human IgG were prepared with recombinant E. coli. These proteins bound to VEGF-A and/or VEGF-C.

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2001:545508 Document No. 135:132464 **Cyclic peptide** inhibitors of VEGF, VEGF-C, and VEGF-D, preparation methods, pharmaceutical compositions, and therapeutic use. Achen, Marc G.; Hughes, Richard A.; Stacker, Steven; Cendron, Angela (Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, USA). PCT Int. Appl. WO 2001052875 A1 20010726, 102 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: W: AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW, AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM; RW: AT, BE, BF, BJ, CF, CG, CH, CI, CM, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GA, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, ML, MR, NE, NL, PT, SE, SN, TD, TG, TR. (English). CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 2001-US1533 20010118. PRIORITY: US 2000-PV176293 20000118; US 2000-PV204590 20000516.

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2005:903474 The Genuine Article (R) Number: 960XF. Modulating furin activity with designed mini-PDX peptides: Synthesis and in vitro kinetic evaluation . Basak A (Reprint); Lotfipour F. Univ Ottawa, Ottawa Hlth Res Inst, Dis Aging Program, Reg Prot Chem Ctr, Loeb Bldg, 725 Parkdale Ave, Ottawa, ON K1Y 4E9, Canada (Reprint); Univ Ottawa, Ottawa Hlth Res Inst, Dis Aging Program, Reg Prot Chem Ctr, Ottawa, ON K1Y 4E9, Canada; Tabriz Univ Med Sci, Fac Pharm, Dept Pharmaceut, Tabriz, Iran. abasak@ohri.ca. FEBS LETTERS (29 AUG 2005) Vol. 579, No. 21, pp. 4813-4821. ISSN: 0014-5793. Publisher: ELSEVIER SCIENCE BV, PO BOX 211, 1000 AE AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS. Language: English.

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AB A peptide was designed from reactive site loop structure of alpha 1 Antitrypsin Portland known as alpha 1 PDX as a novel mini-PDX inhibitor of furin. The sequence was derived from (367-394) that contains the crucial furin cleavage motif R1PR382. A P3 mutant replacing Ile(380) by Len was prepared as a first model peptide. A Cys residue was inserted at each terminal of the peptide for purpose of cyclisation which was accomplished by air or iodine-induced oxidation. This mini-PDX peptide both cyclic and acyclic form inhibited in vitro furin activity (IC50 in nM) when measured against either substrates Boc-RVRR double down arrow MCA or QVEGF-C vertical bar Abz-QVHSIIRR double down arrow SLP-Y(NO2)-A-CONH2, Abz = 2-amino benzoic acid and Y(NO2) = 3-nitro tyrosine vertical bar, latter being derived from vascular endothelial growth factor-C (VEGF-C) processing site. The geometrically constrained structure mimicking PDX reactive loop is crucial for enzyme inhibition. Our study further revealed that both mini-PDX peptides inactivate furin in a slow tight binding manner, with disulfide-bridged cyclic form being slightly more potent. Unlike PDX, these peptides inhibit furin via a different mechanistic pathway. The study provides an alternate strategy for development of efficient peptide-based inhibitors of Proprotein Convertases including furin.

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L17 ANSWER 1 OF 10 MEDLINE on STN

2001641676. PubMed ID: 11553610. Stimulation of beta 1 integrin induces tyrosine phosphorylation of vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-3 and modulates cell migration. Wang J F; Zhang X F; Groopman J E. (Division of Experimental Medicine and Hematology/Oncology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts 02215, USA.) The Journal of biological chemistry, (2001 Nov 9) Vol. 276, No. 45, pp. 41950-7. Electronic Publication: 2001-09-11. Journal code: 2985121R. ISSN: 0021-9258. Pub. country: United States. Language: English.

AB Interactions between integrins and tyrosine kinase receptors can modulate a variety of cell functions. We observed a cooperative interaction between the beta(1) integrin and vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-3 (VEGFR-3 or Flt4) that appeared to be required for cell migration. By using VEGFR-3-transfected 293 cells (293/VEGFR-3) or primary dermal microvascular endothelial cells (DMEC), we found that stimulation with either **soluble** or immobilized extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins, collagen or fibronectin (FN), resulted in the increased tyrosine phosphorylation of VEGFR-3 in the absence of a cognate ligand. This increased tyrosine phosphorylation of VEGFR-3 was diminished by pretreatment with a blocking antibody against the beta(1) integrin. Cross-linking with anti-beta(1) integrin antibody induced a similar degree of tyrosine phosphorylation of VEGFR-3. Stimulation with collagen or FN induced an association between beta(1) integrin and VEGFR-3 in both 293/VEGFR-3 and primary DMEC cells. Collagen or FN-induced tyrosine phosphorylation of VEGFR-3 was inhibited by treatment with cytochalasin D, an inhibitor of actin polymerization. Collagen or FN was able to induce the migration of 293/VEGFR-3 or DMEC cells to a limited extent. However, migration was dramatically enhanced when a gradient of the cognate ligand, **VEGF-D**, was added. **VEGF-D** failed to induce cell migration in the absence of ECM proteins. Introducing a mutation at the kinase domain of VEGFR-3 or treatment with blocking antibody against either VEGFR-3 or beta(1) integrin inhibited cell migration induced by ECM and **VEGF-D**, indicating that signals from both beta(1) integrin and VEGFR-3 are required for this cell function.

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2001212645. PubMed ID: 11175851. Inhibition of lymphangiogenesis with resulting lymphedema in transgenic mice expressing **soluble** VEGF receptor-3. Makinen T; Jussila L; Veikkola T; Karpanen T; Kettunen M I; Pulkkanen K J; Kauppinen R; Jackson D G; Kubo H; Nishikawa S; Yla-Herttuala S; Alitalo K. (Molecular/Cancer Biology Laboratory and Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Haartman Institute, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland..) Nature medicine, (2001 Feb) Vol. 7, No. 2, pp. 199-205. Journal code: 9502015. ISSN: 1078-8956. Pub. country: United States. Language: English.

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phenotype characterized by swelling of feet, edema and dermal fibrosis. They survive the neonatal period in spite of a virtually complete lack of lymphatic vessels in several tissues, and later show regeneration of the lymphatic vasculature, indicating that induction of lymphatic regeneration may also be possible in humans.

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2001190659. PubMed ID: 11129413. Molecular biology of the VEGF and the VEGF receptor family. Clauss M. (MPI fur Physiologische und Klinische Forschung, Bad Nauheim, Germany.. M.Clauss@Kerckhoff.mpg.de) . Seminars in thrombosis and hemostasis, (2000) Vol. 26, No. 5, pp. 561-9. Ref: 106. Journal code: 0431155. ISSN: 0094-6176. Pub. country: United States. Language: English.

AB Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) is the founding member of a still growing family of endothelial cell growth factors. The diverse functions of VEGF and its homologues (PIGF, VEGF-B, VEGF-C, **VEGF-D**, and VEGF-E) can be explained by their differential binding to the three signaling VEGF receptors. The VEGF family members PIGF and VEGF-B with exclusive binding capacities to the VEGFR-1 can influence monocyte activation and differentiation. The VEGFR-2 and VEGFR-3 binding VEGF homologues, VEGF-C and **VEGF-D**, are mitogens for both vascular and lymphatic endothelial cells. The orf virus encoded VEGF-E homologue binds and activates only the VEGFR-2 and thus may be the prototype of a vascular endothelial cell-specific growth factor. Further specific activities of VEGF and its homologues result from receptor-specific signaling and differential expression of ligands or receptors. A naturally occurring **soluble** form of the VEGFR-1 suggests a regulatory role for this receptor. Finally, the production and activation of factors involved in the coagulation/fibrinolytic system provide further evidence for the hypothesis that processes of hemostasis are involved in angiogenesis.

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2000439559 EMBASE Molecular biology of the VEGF and the VEGF receptor family. Clauss M.. Dr. M. Clauss, MPI fur Physiol./Klinische Forsch., Parkstr. 1, 61231 Bad Nauheim, Germany. M.Clauss@Kerckhoff.mpg.de. Seminars in Thrombosis and Hemostasis Vol. 26, No. 5, pp. 561-569 2000.

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2001:845468 Document No. 136:80311 Stimulation of β 1 integrin induces tyrosine phosphorylation of vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-3 and modulates cell migration. Wang, Jian Feng; Zhang, Xue-Feng; Groopman, Jerome E. (Division of Experimental Medicine and Hematology/Oncology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, 02215, USA). Journal of Biological Chemistry, 276(45), 41950-41957 (English) 2001. CODEN: JBCHA3. ISSN: 0021-9258. Publisher: American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

AB Interactions between integrins and tyrosine kinase receptors can modulate a variety of cell functions. We observed a cooperative interaction between the β 1 integrin and vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-3 (VEGFR-3 or Flt4) that appeared to be required for cell migration. By using VEGFR-3-transfected 293 cells (293/VEGFR-3) or primary dermal microvascular endothelial cells (DMEC), we found that stimulation with either soluble or immobilized extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins, collagen or fibronectin (FN), resulted in the increased tyrosine phosphorylation of VEGFR-3 in the absence of a cognate ligand. This increased tyrosine phosphorylation of VEGFR-3 was diminished by pretreatment with a blocking antibody against the β 1 integrin. Crosslinking with anti- β 1 integrin antibody induced a similar degree of tyrosine phosphorylation of VEGFR-3. Stimulation with collagen or FN induced an association between β 1 integrin and VEGFR-3 in both 293/VEGFR-3 and primary DMEC cells. Collagen or FN-induced tyrosine phosphorylation of VEGFR-3 was inhibited by treatment with cytochalasin D, an inhibitor of actin polymerization. Collagen or FN was able to induce the migration of 293/VEGFR-3 or DMEC cells to a limited extent. However, migration was dramatically enhanced when a gradient of the cognate ligand, VEGF-D, was added. VEGF-D failed to induce cell migration in the absence of ECM proteins. Introducing a mutation at the kinase domain of VEGFR-3 or treatment with blocking

antibody against either VEGFR-3 or β 1 integrin inhibited cell migration induced by ECM and VEGF-D, indicating that signals from both β 1 integrin and VEGFR-3 are required for this cell function.

L17 ANSWER 9 OF 10 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2008 ACS on STN

2001:108699 Document No. 134:294065 Inhibition of lymphangiogenesis with resulting lymphedema in transgenic mice expressing soluble VEGF receptor-3. Makinen, Taija; Jussila, Lotta; Veikkola, Tanja; Karpanen, Terhi; Keitunen, Mikko I.; Pulkkanen, Kalevi J.; Kauppinen, Risto; Jackson, David G.; Kubo, Hajime; Nishikawa, Shin-Ichi; Yla-Herttuala, Seppo; Alitalo, Kari (Molecular/Cancer Biology Laboratory and Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Haartman Institute, University of Helsinki, Kuopio, Finland). Nature Medicine (New York), 7(2), 199-205 (English) 2001. CODEN: NAMEFI. ISSN: 1078-8956. Publisher: Nature America Inc..

AB The lymphatic vasculature transports extravasated tissue fluid, macromols. and cells back into the blood circulation. Recent reports have focused on the mol. mechanisms regulating the lymphatic vessels. Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)-C and VEGF-D have been shown to stimulate lymphangiogenesis and their receptor, VEGFR-3, has been linked to human hereditary lymphedema. Here the authors show that a soluble form of VEGFR-3 is a potent inhibitor of VEGF-C/VEGF-D signaling, and when expressed in the skin of transgenic mice, it inhibits fetal lymphangiogenesis and induces a regression of already formed lymphatic vessels, though the blood vasculature remains normal. Transgenic mice develop a lymphedema-like phenotype characterized by swelling of feet, edema and dermal fibrosis. They survive the neonatal period in spite of a virtually complete lack of lymphatic vessels in several tissues, and later show regeneration of the lymphatic vasculature, indicating that induction of lymphatic regeneration may also be possible in humans.

L17 ANSWER 10 OF 10 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2008 ACS on STN

2000:902508 Document No. 134:141845 Molecular biology of the VEGF and the VEGF receptor family. Clauss, Matthias (MPI fur Physiologische und Klinische Forschung, Bad Nauheim, 61231, Germany). Seminars in Thrombosis and Hemostasis, 26(5), 561-569 (English) 2000. CODEN: STHMBV. ISSN: 0094-6176. Publisher: Thieme Medical Publishers, Inc..

AB A review with 106 refs. Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) is the founding member of a still growing family of endothelial cell growth factors. The diverse functions of VEGF and its homologs (PIGF, VEGF-B, VEGF-C, VEGF-D, and VEGF-E) can be explained by their differential binding to the three signaling VEGF receptors. The VEGF family members PIGF and VEGF-B with exclusive binding capacities to the VEGFR-1 can influence monocyte activation and differentiation. The VEGFR-2 and VEGFR-3 binding VEGF homologs, VEGF-C and VEGF-D, are mitogens for both vascular and lymphatic endothelial cells. The orf virus encoded VEGF-E homolog binds and activates only the VEGFR-2 and thus may be the prototype of a vascular endothelial cell-specific growth factor. Further specific activities of VEGF and its homologs result from receptor-specific signaling and differential expression of ligands or receptors. A naturally occurring soluble form of the VEGFR-1 suggests a regulatory role for this receptor. Finally, the production and activation of factors involved in the coagulation/fibrinolytic system provide further evidence for the hypothesis that processes of hemostasis are involved in angiogenesis.

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2007183885. PubMed ID: 17221843. Vascular endothelial growth factor and angiopoietin are required for prostate regeneration. Wang Gui-Min; Kovalenko Bruce; Huang Yili; Moscatelli David. (Department of Cell Biology and the Kaplan Cancer Center, New York University School of Medicine, New York, New York 10016, USA.) The Prostate, (2007 Apr 1) Vol. 67, No. 5, pp. 485-99. Journal code: 8101368. ISSN: 0270-4137. Pub. country: United States. Language: English.

AB BACKGROUND: The regulation of the prostate size by androgens may be partly the result of androgen effects on the prostatic vasculature. We examined the effect of changes in androgen levels on the expression of a variety of angiogenic factors in the mouse prostate and determined if vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)-A and the angiopoietins are involved in the vascular response to androgens. METHODS: Expression of angiogenic factors in prostate was quantitated using real-time PCR at different times after castration and after administration of testosterone to castrated mice. Angiopoietins were localized in prostate by immunohistochemistry and in situ hybridization. The roles of VEGF and the angiopoietins in regeneration of the prostate were examined in mice inoculated with cells expressing **soluble** VEGF receptor-2 or **soluble** Tie-2. RESULTS: Castration resulted in a decrease in VEGF-A, VEGF-B, VEGF-C, placenta growth factor, FGF-2, and FGF-8 expression after 1 day. In contrast, **VEGF-D** mRNA levels increased. No changes in angiopoietin-1 (Ang-1), angiopoietin-2 (Ang-2), hepatocyte growth factor, VEGF receptor-1, VEGF receptor-2, or tie-2 mRNA levels were observed. Administration of testosterone to castrated mice had the opposite effect on expression of these angiogenic factors. Ang-2 was expressed predominantly in prostate epithelial cells whereas Ang-1 was expressed in epithelium and smooth muscle. Inoculation of mice with cells expressing **soluble** VEGF receptor-2 or Tie-2 blocked the increase in vascular density normally observed after administration of testosterone to castrated mice. The **soluble** receptors also blocked the increase in prostate weight and proliferation of prostatic epithelial cells. CONCLUSION: VEGF-A and angiopoietins are required for the vascular response to androgens and for the ability of the prostate to regenerate in response to androgens.

L19 ANSWER 2 OF 3 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2008 ACS on STN

2005:1242960 Document No. 144:11543 Enhancement of antagonist activity of aptamers by conjugation to high molecular weight materials. Calias, Pericles; Cook, Gary P.; Shima, David T.; Adamis, Anthony P.; Ng, Yin-Shan; Robinson, Gregory S.; Turner, David I.; Ganley, Mary A. (Eyetech Pharmaceuticals, Inc., USA). PCT Int. Appl. WO 2005110489 A2 20051124, 91 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: W: AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KM, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NA, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW; RW: AT, BE, BF, BJ, CF, CG, CH, CI, CM, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GA, GB, GR, IE, IS, IT, LU, MC, ML, MR, NE, NL, PT, SE, SN, TD, TG, TR. (English). CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 2005-US12469 20050413. PRIORITY: US 2004-561601P 20040413; US 2005-658819P 20050304.

AB The invention provides compns. and methods for making and using sterically enhanced aptamer antagonist conjugates which include a nucleic acid sequence having a specific affinity for a target mol. and a **sol** .., high mol. weight steric group that augments or facilitates the antagonist activity of the aptamer. inhibition of binding to, or interaction with, the target mol. binding partner by the target mol. when bound to the aptamer conjugate. The present invention also provides methods and formulations for ocular delivery of a biol. active mol. by attaching a charged moiety to the biol. active mol. and delivering the biol. active

mol. by iontophoresis. Iontophoresis of a biol. active mol. that is conjugated to a high mol. weight neutral moiety, is enhanced by replacing the high mol. weight neutral moiety with a charged mol. of comparable size. Thus, the effect on VEGFR-1 (Flt-1) antagonist activity of conjugation of chemical modified, anti-VEGF oligoribonucleotide to various high mol. weight materials, i.e., PEG, dextran, and CMC, was studied. Also examined was the effects of mol. weight and hydrodynamic volume of the high mol. weight material on antagonist activity.

L19 ANSWER 3 OF 3 EMBASE COPYRIGHT (c) 2008 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved on STN

2004135971 EMBASE Development of vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGFR) kinase inhibitors as anti-angiogenic agents in cancer therapy. Underiner T.L.; Ruggeri B.; Gingrich D.E.. T.L. Underiner, Cephalon Inc., 145 Brandywine Parkway, West Chester, PA 19380, United States. tunderin@cephalon.com. Current Medicinal Chemistry Vol. 11, No. 6, pp. 731-745 Mar 2004.

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AB Among the known angiogenic growth factors and cytokines implicated in the modulation of normal and pathological angiogenesis, the VEGF family (VEGF-A, VEGF-B, VEGF-C, **VEGF-D**) and their corresponding receptor tyrosine kinases [VEGFR-1 (Flt-1), VEGFR-2 (Flk-1, KDR), and VEGFR-3 (Flt-4)] play a paramount and indispensable role in regulating the multiple facets of the angiogenic and lymphangiogenic processes, as well as the induction of vascular permeability and inflammation. The receptor VEGFR-2/KDR is the principal one through which VEGFs exert their mitogenic, chemotactic, and vascular permeabilizing effects on the host vasculature. Increased expression of VEGFs by tumor cells and VEGFR-2/KDR and VEGFR-1/Flt-1 by the tumor-associated vasculature are a hallmark of a variety of human and rodent tumors in vivo and correlates with tumor growth rate, micro-vessel density/proliferation, tumor metastatic potential, and poorer patient prognosis in a variety of malignancies. Approaches to disrupting the VEGF/VEGFR signaling cascade range from biological agents (**soluble** receptors, anti-VEGF and anti-VEGFR-2 antibodies, and VEGF transcription inhibitors) to small molecule ATP competitive VEGFR inhibitors. Examples from this latter class that are currently in clinical development include compounds from distinct chemical classes such as: indolin-2-ones, anilinoquinazolines, anilinophthalazines, isothiazoles, indolo- and indenocarbazoles. The structure activity relationships, biochemical and pharmacological profile of optimized representatives from each of these classes constitute the subject matter of this review. .COPYRGHT. 2004 Bentham Science Publishers Ltd.

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L25 ANSWER 1 OF 2 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2008 ACS on STN

2004:510772 Document No. 141:66280 Modulation of vascular endothelial growth factor C (VEGF-C)/vascular endothelial growth factor receptor VEGFR-3 interactions using **VEGFR-3 inhibitor** for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. **Alitalo, Kari**; Paavonen, Karri; Konttinen, Yrjo (Finland). U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ. US 2004120950 A1 20040624, 32 pp. (English). CODEN: USXXCO. APPLICATION: US 2002-326048 20021220.

AB The present invention provides methods for treating human chronic arthritides such as rheumatoid arthritis by modulation vascular endothelial growth factor C (VEGF-C)/vascular endothelial growth factor receptor VEGFR-3 interactions. **VEGFR-3 inhibitors** such as anti-VEGFR-3 antibody, short-interfering RNA (siRNA), or VEGFR-3 extracellular domain-containing polypeptides are administered at synovial sites.

L25 ANSWER 2 OF 2 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2008 ACS on STN

2002:555522 Document No. 137:119669 **VEGFR-3 inhibitor** materials and methods. **Alitalo, Kari**; Koivunen, Erkki; Kubo, Hajime (Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, USA; Licentia Ltd.). PCT Int. Appl. WO 2002057299 A2 20020725, 149 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: W: AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NO, NZ, OM, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW; RW: AT, BE, BF, BJ, CF, CG, CH, CI, CM, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GA, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, ML, MR, NE, NL, PT, SE, SN, TD, TG, TR. (English). CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 2002-IB99 20020116. PRIORITY: US 2001-262476P 20010117.

AB The present invention relates to the diagnostics, evaluation, and therapeutic intervention of disorders mediated by the activity of cell surface receptor VEGFR-3, which activity often is stimulated by VEGFR-3 ligands VEGF-C and VEGF-D. More particularly, the present invention identifies novel methods and compns. for the inhibition of VEGF-C/D binding to VEGFR-3. The compns. of the present invention will be useful the inhibition of angiogenesis and lymphangiogenesis. Many uses of such compds., for screening samples, imaging, diagnosis, and therapy, are also provided. For example, in one embodiment, the invention provides an isolated peptide comprising the formula: X1X2X3X4X5X6X7X8, wherein X1 through X8 are amino acid residues.

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2001021068. PubMed ID: 11023993. **VEGF-C** and **VEGF-D**

expression in neuroendocrine cells and their receptor, **VEGFR-3**, in fenestrated blood vessels in human tissues. Partanen T A; Arola J; Saaristo A; Jussila L; Ora A; Miettinen M; Stacker S A; Achen M G; **Alitalo K.** (Molecular/Cancer Biology Laboratory and Department of Pathology, Haartman Institute, University of Helsinki, 00014 Helsinki, Finland.) The FASEB journal : official publication of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, (2000 Oct) Vol. 14, No. 13, pp. 2087-96. Journal code: 8804484. ISSN: 0892-6638. Pub. country: United States. Language: English.

AB Recently, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 3 (**VEGFR-3**) has been shown to provide a specific marker for lymphatic endothelia in certain human tissues. In this study, we have investigated the expression of **VEGFR-3** and its ligands **VEGF-C** and **VEGF-D** in fetal and adult tissues. **VEGFR-3** was consistently detected in the endothelium of lymphatic vessels such as the thoracic duct, but fenestrated capillaries of several organs including the bone marrow, splenic and hepatic sinusoids, kidney glomeruli and endocrine glands also expressed this receptor. **VEGF-C** and **VEGF-D**, which bind both **VEGFR-2** and **VEGFR-3** were expressed in vascular smooth muscle cells. In addition, intense cytoplasmic staining for **VEGF-C** was observed in neuroendocrine cells such as the alpha cells of the islets of Langerhans, prolactin secreting cells of the anterior pituitary, adrenal medullary cells, and dispersed neuroendocrine cells of the gastrointestinal tract. **VEGF-D** was observed in the innermost zone of the adrenal cortex and in certain dispersed neuroendocrine cells. These results suggest that **VEGF-C** and **VEGF-D** have a paracrine function and perhaps a role in peptide release from secretory granules of certain neuroendocrine cells to surrounding capillaries.

L29 ANSWER 2 OF 6 MEDLINE on STN

2000011413. PubMed ID: 10542248. Biosynthesis of vascular endothelial growth factor-D involves proteolytic processing which generates non-covalent homodimers. Stacker S A; Stenvers K; Caesar C; Vitali A; Domagala T; Nice E; Roufail S; Simpson R J; Moritz R; Karpanen T; **Alitalo K**; Achen M G. (Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Parkville, Victoria 3050, Australia..

steven.stacker@ludwig.edu.au) . The Journal of biological chemistry, (1999 Nov 5) Vol. 274, No. 45, pp. 32127-36. Journal code: 2985121R. ISSN: 0021-9258. Pub. country: United States. Language: English.

AB Vascular endothelial growth factor-D (**VEGF-D**) binds and activates the endothelial cell tyrosine kinase receptors **VEGF** receptor-2 (**VEGFR-2**) and **VEGF** receptor-3 (**VEGFR-3**), is mitogenic for endothelial cells, and shares structural homology and receptor specificity with **VEGF-C**. The primary translation product of **VEGF-D** has long N- and C-terminal polypeptide extensions in addition to a central **VEGF** homology domain (VHD). The VHD of **VEGF-D** is sufficient to bind and activate **VEGFR-2** and **VEGFR-3**. Here we report that **VEGF-D** is proteolytically processed to release the VHD. Studies in 293EBNA cells demonstrated that **VEGF-D** undergoes N- and C-terminal cleavage events to produce numerous secreted polypeptides including a fully processed form of M(r) approximately 21,000 consisting only of the VHD, which is predominantly a non-covalent dimer. Biosensor analysis demonstrated that the VHD has approximately 290- and approximately 40-fold greater affinity for **VEGFR-2** and **VEGFR-3**, respectively, compared with unprocessed **VEGF-D**. In situ hybridization demonstrated that embryonic lung is a major site of expression of the **VEGF-D** gene. Processed forms of **VEGF-D** were detected in embryonic lung indicating that **VEGF-D** is proteolytically processed in vivo.

L29 ANSWER 3 OF 6 MEDLINE on STN

1999023338. PubMed ID: 9808152. Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)-C synergizes with basic fibroblast growth factor and VEGF in the induction of angiogenesis in vitro and alters endothelial cell extracellular proteolytic activity. Pepper M S; Mandriota S J; Jeltsch M; Kumar V; Alitalo K. (Department of Morphology, University Medical Center, Geneva, Switzerland.. michael.pepper@medecine.unige.ch) . Journal of cellular physiology, (1998 Dec) Vol. 177, No. 3, pp. 439-52. Journal code: 0050222. ISSN: 0021-9541. Pub. country: United States. Language: English.

AB Vascular endothelial growth factor-C (VEGF-C) is a recently characterized member of the VEGF family of angiogenic polypeptides. We demonstrate here that VEGF-C is angiogenic in vitro when added to bovine aortic or lymphatic endothelial (BAE and BLE) cells but has little or no effect on bovine microvascular endothelial (BME) cells. As reported previously for VEGF, VEGF-C and basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF) induced a synergistic in vitro angiogenic response in all three cells lines. Unexpectedly, VEGF and VEGF-C also synergized in the in vitro angiogenic response when assessed on BAE cells. Characterization of VEGF receptor (VEGFR) expression revealed that BME, BAE, and BLE cell lines express VEGFR-1 and -2, whereas of the three cell lines assessed, only BAE cells express VEGFR-3. We also demonstrate that VEGF-C increases plasminogen activator (PA) activity in the three bovine endothelial cell lines and that this is accompanied by a concomitant increase in PA inhibitor-1. Addition of alpha2-antiplasmin to BME cells co-treated with bFGF and VEGF-C partially inhibited collagen gel invasion. These results demonstrate, first, that by acting in concert with bFGF or VEGF, VEGF-C has a potent synergistic effect on the induction of angiogenesis in vitro and, second, that like VEGF and bFGF, VEGF-C is capable of altering endothelial cell extracellular proteolytic activity. These observations also highlight the notion of context, i.e., that the activity of an angiogenesis-regulating cytokine depends on the presence and concentration of other cytokines in the pericellular environment of the responding endothelial cell.

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2002:594892 Document No. 137:150622 Cloning, tissue expression and therapeutic use of Flt4 (VEGFR-3) polypeptides, their polynucleotides, and antibodies in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Alitalo, Kari; Aprelikova, Olga; Pajusola, Katri; Armstrong, Elina; Korhonen, Jaana; Kaipainen, Arja (Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, USA). PCT Int. Appl. WO 2002060950 A2 20020808, 173 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: W: AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NO, NZ, OM, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW; RW: AT, BE, BF, BJ, CF, CG, CH, CI, CM, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GA, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, ML, MR, NE, NL, PT, SE, SN, TD, TG, TR. (English). CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 2002-US1784 20020122. PRIORITY: US 1994-340011 19941114; US 1994-169079 19941114; US 1997-901710 19970728; US 2001-765534 20010119.

AB The present invention provide purified Flt4 receptor tyrosine kinase polypeptides and fragments thereof, polynucleotides encoding such polypeptides, antibodies that specifically bind such polypeptides, and uses thereof in the treatment and diagnosis of disease, specifically cancer.

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2001:427336 Document No. 135:41380 Cloning and characterization of a gene for a tyrosine phosphorylation-stimulating ligand, VEGF-C, for the FLT4 receptor tyrosine kinase. Alitalo, Kari; Joukov, Vladimir (Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, USA; Helsinki

University Licensing, Ltd. Oy). U.S. US 6245530 B1 20010612, 68 pp.,
Cont.-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 510,133. (English). CODEN: USXXAM.
APPLICATION: US 1996-585895 19960112. PRIORITY: US 1995-510133 19950801.

AB Provided are protein and cDNA sequences of a tyrosine phosphorylation-
stimulating ligand, **VEGF-C**, for the receptor tyrosine
kinase, Flt4. **VEGF-C**, a 23 kDa protein that binds the
FLT4 receptor tyrosine kinase and stimulates tyrosine phosphorylation of
FLT4 is characterized and a cDNA. The ligand is of potential therapeutic
use in controlling the proliferation of endothelial cells. The protein
was purified from conditioned medium of PC-3 cell culture by affinity
chromatog. A cDNA encoding the ligand was cloned by PCR. The cDNA
encoded a protein of approx. 47 kDa that appears to be a precursor that is
processed via a 32 kDa intermediate to the mature 23 kDa form that forms a
dimer. Alternate splicing of the mRNA appears to occur in response to
hypoxia. High-level expression of the gene from the K14 keratin promoter
in transgenic mice led to abundant growth of lymphatic vessels in the
skin. Also provided are vectors encoding the ligands, pharmaceutical
compns. and diagnostic reagents.

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1998:151220 Document No. 128:213742 Vascular endothelial cell growth factor
D (VEGF-D) and a cDNA encoding and their uses. Achen, Marc G.; Wilks,
Andrew F.; Stacker, Steven A.; **Alitalo, Kari** (Ludwig Institute
for Cancer Research, USA; Helsinki University Licensing Ltd., Oy). PCT
Int. Appl. WO 9807832 A1 **19980226**, 101 pp. DESIGNATED STATES:
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(English). CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 1997-US14696 19970821.
PRIORITY: AU 1996-1825 19960823; US 1996-23751 19960823; AU 1996-3554
19961111; US 1996-31097 19961114; AU 1997-4954 19970205; US 1997-38814
19970210; AU 1997-7435 19970619; US 1997-51426 19970701.

AB VEGF-D, a new member of the PDGF family of growth factors, which among
other things stimulates endothelial cell proliferation and angiogenesis
and increases vascular permeability, is described. A cDNA encoding it is
cloned. Methods for manufacture of VEGF-D, antibodies and other antagonists to
it, transgenic cells for manufacture of the protein, pharmaceutical compns.
containing it, and its therapeutic and diagnostic uses are also described. An
EST clone encoding a novel member of the VEGF family was identified during
a database search. This partial sequence was used to probe a human breast
cDNA library and a full-length clone obtained. The protein shows amino
acid sequence similarities to **VEGF-C** and to Tie-2
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2001021068. PubMed ID: 11023993. **VEGF-C** and **VEGF-D**

expression in neuroendocrine cells and their receptor, VEGFR-3, in
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